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C/PP. Your guidance for Sherwood re attached radio items requested :

(a) Is statement by Army General Staff genuine ? Or to be denounced as fraud ? If genuine, whom specifically should we attack and on what grounds ?

(b) Any special significance in Army shooting practice ? To be mentioned at all ?

16 June

→ Give this a little time as should hear from Guat x Hoover, in meantime I would get guidance to Dave along lines that completely controlled statement issued by Arbenz + close stooges + in no way an indication of how Army really feels - Fact Army NOT behind Arbenz shown by fact Arbenz given weapons to campesinos.

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See above /

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TGWB GUATEMALA CITY, IN SPANISH TO GUATEMALA, JUNE 16,  
1954, 1300 GMT--W

(TEXT)

THE PEOPLE, THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE ARMY OF GUATEMALA ARE SOLIDLY  
UNITED IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMY OF THE REVOLUTION AND THE  
SECRETARIAT OF PROPAGANDA AND INFORMATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE  
HAVE DECLARED CATEGORICALLY IN A JOINT STATEMENT THAT THERE IS  
ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO THE REPORT --WHICH APPEARED IN CERTAIN MEXICAN  
PRESS AND RADIO MEDIA--TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY HAD  
GIVEN PRESIDENT ARBENZ 24 RPT 24 HOURS TO RESIGN.

THE STATEMENT SAYS THAT TODAY, MORE THAN EVER THE ARMY, IS  
GIVING ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE PRESIDENT.

THE REVOLUTION HAS GIVEN THE PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE  
FROM THEIR FORMER BACKWARD CONDITION TO (A BETTER LIFE?)... (BALANCE  
OF SENTENCE UNINTELLIGIBLE--ED.).

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TOR 16/1528Z

LRS BUENOS AIRES, IN SPANISH TO ARGENTINA, JUNE 15,  
1954, 0100 GMT--W

(TEXT)

"TODAY, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, THE PATRIOTIC NATIONAL ARMY  
OF THE REVOLUTION EXTENDS ITS FULL SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT JACOBO  
ARBENZ."

THIS DECLARATION WAS MADE IN A JOINT OFFICIAL BULLETIN ISSUED TODAY  
BY THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF AND THE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE.

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